QUESTIONS FROM CONTRACTORS SOLICITATION DACW17-02-R-0031 SUSTAINABILITY OF RENOURISHMENT, MIAMI BEACH, BEACH EROSION CONTROL AND HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT

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QUESTION #1: Section 01500, page 7, Paragraph 3.5, Security Provisions, requires 24 hour security, is this necessary and going to be enforced?

ANSWER #1: The paragraph referenced requires a site security person when there are no on-site activities.

QUESTION #2a: Section 01525, Page 9, Paragraph 1.16. Do we need a full-time Safety Officer?

ANSWER #2a: Yes.

QUESTION #2b: Section 01525, Page 9, Paragraph 1.16. If so, does this mean a Safety Officer must be there whenever work is going on?

ANSWER #2b: Yes.

QUESTION #3: The USACE has done research on sand sources. Can we receive copies?

ANSWER #3: No. The purpose of the research (or RFI) was to seek industry input regarding domestic upland sand sources, or other possible alternatives. The RFI only requested industry submit a response of interest, including a statement that they had a sand source available that met the specifications. No samples, no list, no approvals were received or made. The RFI only helped determine that we had enough interest to issue a Request for Proposal. It is the responsibility of the offeror to locate and qualify a sand source and thus certify in the proposal that the material meets the contract specifications.

QUESTION #4: Is it true or not true that all floating plant must have ABS certification?

ANSWER #4: See Clause "Seagoing Barge Act - Special Standard of Responsibility" in SECTION 00100, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS.

QUESTION #5: Section 01525, The CQC Staff will be made up of the CQC manager, safety officer, and endangered species monitor. Will any other staff members be required?

ANSWER #5: Superintendent.

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QUESTION #6: Will the endangered species observers be need when working is going on in operational box or pumping?

ANSWER #6: No, (See Amendment 0002) in fact dredging is not anticipated to occur in the ocean, nor is the area in which vessel boat operations will occur considered critical habitat for the right whale. See Section 01355 projects specifications ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION paragraph 3.1.5.1) responsibilities

QUESTION #7a: Section 01355, Paragraph 1.4, can copies of all outstanding permits be provided?

ANSWER #7a: The Corps will provide the State Water Quality Certificate to the contractor who is to perform the work. Other than that, the contractor will need to determine what permits are needed, based on the location/s, type of work, equipment and type of operations planned.

QUESTION #7b: Are there any other permits that the Contractor will be required to obtain?

ANSWER #7b: Refer to 7a.

QUESTION #8: Has the Corps considered the impacts of truck congestion as the Port chosen for loading the barges?

ANSWER #8: The Corps has not specifically considered the impacts of truck traffic at any port.

QUESTION #9: What are the hours of operation on the beach

ANSWER #9: There are no restrictions to time of operation indicated in the specifications. Messrs. Brian Flynn and Steve Blair, Metro-Dade Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), are communicating with the local municipalities to determine if there are any restrictions to noise levels and time of operation.

QUESTION #10a: Can the Contractor work 24 hours a day?

ANSWER #10a: See answer to Ouestion #9.

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QUESTION #10b: What about noise levels and lights?

ANSWER #10b: For lighting on the beach, see SECTION 01355, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, Paragraph 3.1.5.7 "Beach Placement Restrictions". For noise levels, refer to SECTION 01525, GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, Paragraph 3.6.1, "Hazardous Noise".

QUESTION #11: Can the Corps I.D. a beach entry point for construction equipment?

ANSWER #11: 79th Street will be available for construction access.

QUESTION #12a: Do permits require a daily checking of the pipes?

ANSWER #12a: Yes.

QUESTION #12b: What is requirement on elevation of pipes?

ANSWER #12b: See Section 02391, Beach Fill, paragraph 3.2.4, Submerged and Floating Pipeline [Offshore Pump-out Operation]

QUESTION #13: Section 01500, page 7, Subparagraph 3.6. The Contractor is required to install a satisfactory means of communication such as telephone. Is this requirement to "make available for Government personnel, since most have their own cellular phones?

ANSWER #13: Communication lines are needed for faxes and computers.